

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND A RULE OF THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES RULES,
RULE 400-3-.07 Curriculum. Amended
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses (hereinafter referred to as "Board") proposes to amend Rule 400-3-.07 Curriculum. Amended of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the synopsis of the proposed amended rule, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice and an exact copy of the synopsis of the proposed amended rule may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses web page at www.sos.georgia.gov/plb/lpn. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses office at (478) 207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. on April 14, 2010 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input about the proposed new rule. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument, whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received on or before April 7, 2011. Written comments should be addressed to Randall Vaughn, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon Georgia, 31217. FAX 478-207-1660.

The proposed amended rule will be considered for adoption by the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses at its meeting scheduled to begin at 1:05 p.m. on April 14, 2011 at the Professional Licensing Boards division at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, 31217. According to legal advice rendered by the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Examiners of Licensed Practical Nurses has the authority to adopt the proposed amendments to Rule 400-3-.07 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-32(1.1) and 43-26-35(2),(9), and (10).

In accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(4), the Board voted at its board meeting on February 21, 2011 that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose

excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and that any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accompanies the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-32(1.1) and 43-26-35(2),(9), and (10).

The Board also voted at its board meeting on February 21, 2011 that, in order to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-32(1.1) and 43-26-35(2),(9), and (10) it is not legal or feasible to adopt or implement differing actions for business as required by the provisions of O.C.G.A. §§ 50-13-4(a)(3). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and will have the same impact on each business that is independently owned and operated in the field of practical nursing.

For further information, please contact the Board office at 478-207-1644.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 28th day of February, 2011.

Randall D. Vaughn, *Division Director*
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS

POSTED: February 28, 2011

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES RULES,
RULE 400-3-.07 Curriculum. Amended**

Purpose: Change the curriculum requirements in the current rule for the purpose of accommodating the change from the quarter system to the semester system by the Technical College System of Georgia.

Main Features: The most significant changes are found in paragraph (5) and the subparagraphs under (5). These amendments change the minimum number of theoretical and clinical hours as well as the listing of subjects required to be covered in nursing education programs for licensed practical nurses. A nursing education program must comply with these requirements to qualify as a board approved nursing education program as defined in the Georgia Practical Nurse Practice Act.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES RULES,
RULE 400-3-.07 Curriculum. Amended**

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400-3-.07 Curriculum. Amended.

(1) Curriculum refers to a total written plan of theoretical and clinical learning activities which shall result in the attainment of the nursing education program's objectives by graduates of the program.

(a) The curriculum shall be developed and presented on a post-secondary educational level.

(b) It shall be developed and presented by the faculty utilizing sound educational concepts and methods of teaching. These shall include the appropriate sequencing, correlating of theoretical and clinical experiences, and integrating of learning throughout the entire program.

(c) It shall prepare the students to safely perform the activities and to function in the situations described in the program's objectives.

(d) A Master Curriculum Plan shall be developed pursuant to Rule 400-3-02(1)(f).

1. A copy shall be retained for each class'-record;

2. A copy shall be made available to all students enrolled in the program;

3. A copy shall be provided to the Board in the program's annual report and the Practical Nursing Program's Self-Study Report and at any time that there shall be a proposed revision.

(e) A Clinical Rotation Plan shall be developed pursuant to Rule 400-3-.02(1)(d).

1. A copy shall be retained for each class' record;

2. A copy shall be made available to all students enrolled in the program;

3. A copy shall be made available to all appropriate affiliating clinical facilities;

4. A copy shall be provided to the Board in the program's annual report and the Practical Nursing Program Self-Study Report and at any time that there shall be a revision of the one on file in the Board office.

(2) The curriculum emphasis should be on the utilization of the nursing process in the provision of care by practical nurses to patient/clients and their families throughout the life cycle in a variety of health care settings for:

(a) the promotion of health;

(b) the prevention of illness and injury; AND

(c) the restoration and maintenance of physical and mental health.

(3) ~~The~~ Length of the Curriculum. The program of study shall be consistent with the program's learning objectives and methods of instruction, except that:

(a) a full time program shall NOT be conducted longer than eighteen (18) months; AND

(b) a part time program shall NOT be conducted longer than thirty-six (36) months.

(4) Curriculum Objectives. There shall be written statements of specific, measurable, theoretical and clinical outcomes and competencies for each course in the curriculum which shall be achieved by students enrolled in the program. The curriculum objectives shall be in accordance with the nursing education program objectives.

(5) Minimum Curriculum Content. An approved program of instruction or its equivalent shall contain no less than a minimum of seven hundred (700) hours six hundred eighty-five (685) clock hours of theoretical nursing and general education content, and no less than a minimum of seven hundred (700) hours four hundred eighty-five (485) clock hours of planned clinical practice for each student. Said program shall include the following subjects:

(a) Theoretical Content:

~~1. Required Content - All of the following course content areas must be provided in the curriculum and such curriculum shall contain a minimum of five hundred (500) hours in these areas:~~

1. Required Content - The curriculum must include, but is not limited to, the following theoretical content areas and must contain a total of no less than six hundred eighty-five (685) clock hours.

1. (i) Anatomy and Physiology

2. (ii) Basic Microbiology

3. (iii) Medical Terminology

4. (iv) Basic Nutrition

5. (v) Basic Pharmacology

~~(vi) Drug Calculations~~

~~(vii) 6. (vi) Medication Administration Techniques and Principles~~

~~(viii) 7. (vii) Principles of IV Therapy Techniques~~

~~(ix) Diet Therapy~~

~~(x) Drug Therapy~~

~~(xi) 8. (viii) Legal and Ethical Health-care Healthcare Issues~~

- ~~(xii)~~ 9. (ix) Professional and Customer Relationships
- ~~(xiii)~~ 10. (x) The Nursing Process and Critical Thinking Skills
- ~~(xiv)~~ 11. (xi) Physical Assessment Techniques
- ~~(xv)~~ ~~Control and Prevention of Infectious Diseases~~ ~~(xvi)~~ 12. (xii) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- ~~(xvii)~~ 13. (xiii) Principles and Skills of Nursing Practice
- ~~(xviii)~~ ~~Basic Principles of Respiratory Care~~
- ~~(xix)~~ ~~Principles and Procedures of Diagnostic Studies~~ ~~(xx)~~ Documentation of Nursing Care
- ~~(xxi)~~ ~~Computer Literacy~~
- ~~(xxii)~~ ~~Health Maintenance and Prevention of Illness and Injury~~ ~~(xxiii)~~ ~~Client Education~~
- ~~(xxiv)~~ 14. (xiv) Basic Emergency Care
- ~~(xxv)~~ ~~Principles and Care of the Aging Population~~ 15. (xv) Geriatric Nursing Care
- ~~(xxvi)~~ ~~The Grieving Process, Death and Dying Care~~ 16. (xvi) End of Life Nursing
- ~~(xxvii)~~ ~~Nursing Care of Clients with Medical Conditions~~ 17. (xvii) Medical Surgical Nursing Care
- ~~(xxviii)~~ ~~Nursing Care of Clients with Surgical Conditions~~
- ~~(xxix)~~ ~~Nursing Care During Childbearing Care~~ 18. (xviii) Obstetrical Nursing
- ~~(xxx)~~ ~~Nursing the Growing Child and Family Nursing Care~~ 19. (xix) Pediatric
- ~~(xxxi)~~ 20. (xx) Mental Health and Illness Nursing Care
- ~~(xxxii)~~ 21. (xxi) Community Health Nursing Care and Health Care Delivery Systems
- ~~(xxxiii)~~ 22. (xxii) Leadership and Management Skills
2. Acceptable additional content hours may be obtained from the following course areas, provided no course area is duplicated:
- (i) 23. (xxiii) English
- (ii) 24. (xxiv) Math
- (iii) 25. (xxv) Psychology
- (iv) 26. (xxvi) Sociology
- (v) 27. (xxvii) Chemistry
28. (xxviii) Computer Literacy
- (vi) 29. (xxix) National Practical Nursing Licensure Examination Preparation
- (b) Required Clinical Experience: All of the following clinical experience areas must be provided in the curriculum:
- ~~1. Control and Prevention of Infectious Diseases~~
- ~~2. 1. Basic Emergency Care~~
- ~~3. 2. Professional and Customer Relations~~
- ~~4. 3. Physical Assessment Techniques for All Body Systems~~
- ~~5. 4. Skills and Principles of Nursing Practice~~
- ~~6. 5. Medication Administration~~
- ~~7. 6. Intravenous Therapy Techniques~~

- ~~8. Basic Principles of Respiratory Care~~
 - ~~9. 7. Health Maintenance and Prevention of Illness and Injury~~
 - ~~10. Client Education~~
 - ~~11. 8. Documentation of Nursing Care~~
 - ~~12. Drug Therapy for Health and Illness~~
 - ~~13. Diet Therapy for Health and Illness~~
 - ~~14. 9. Nursing Care of Aging Clients~~
 - ~~15. 10. Nursing Care of the Terminally Ill~~
 - ~~16. Care of Clients with Medical Conditions~~
 - ~~17. Care of Clients with Surgical Conditions~~
 - ~~18. Nursing Care During Childbearing~~
 - ~~19. Nursing the Growing Child and Family~~
 - ~~20. Nursing Care During Emotional /Mental Illness~~
 - ~~21. Nursing Care in Community Health and Health Care Delivery Systems~~
 - ~~22. 16. Nursing Leadership and Management.~~
- O.C.G.A. 43-26-35

11. Medical Surgical Nursing Care

12. Obstetrical Nursing Care

13. Pediatric Nursing Care

14. Mental Health and

Illness Nursing Care

15. Community Health Nursing Care

(6) The curriculum's effectiveness shall be evaluated at the specific intervals indicated by the Board to determine and verify in writing the attainment of the program's objectives.

(a) The course/teacher/clinical experience evaluations shall be conducted each quarter / semester pursuant to board rules.

(b) The individual student theoretical and clinical learning and progress evaluations shall be conducted for each course pursuant to board rules.

(c) The graduate evaluations shall be conducted for each graduate pursuant to board rules. ~~(d) The curriculum shall be reviewed annually and revised as appropriate based upon the evaluations conducted and the evolving changes in the roles of practical nurses as~~

~~members of the health care team.~~

Authority O.C.G.A. §§43-26-32(1.1) and 43-26-35(2),(9), and (10).

